

Senate Resolution 132 - Introduced

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1 1 SENATE RESOLUTION NO. ____
1 2 BY HATCH
1 3 A Resolution honoring the life and work of Professor
1 4 R. Dean Wright.
1 5 WHEREAS, Dr. Wright, Professor of Sociology at
1 6 Drake University, not only taught generations of
1 7 students about poverty, homelessness, and crime, he
1 8 was and remains a tireless advocate and community
1 9 activist for the poor, the homeless, and for juvenile
1 10 justice; and
1 11 WHEREAS, Dr. Wright has been a Fulbright Scholar to
1 12 Delhi University in India, held a National Defense
1 13 Foreign Language Fellowship in Hindi, and has been
1 14 awarded fellowships from the National Science
1 15 Foundation, National Endowment for the Humanities,
1 16 Iowa House at the University of Iowa, and the
1 17 Northwest Area Foundation; and
1 18 WHEREAS, Dr. Wright is a dedicated activist in
1 19 criminal justice, having chaired the Iowa Criminal and
1 20 Juvenile Justice Advisory Council for 14 years,
1 21 Attorney General Tom Miller's Task Force on Juvenile
1 22 Justice, and Attorney General Bonnie Campbell's Blue
1 23 Ribbon Task Force on Sentencing; and
1 24 WHEREAS, besides his academic work Dr. Wright has a
1 25 long history in Des Moines, not only as a Drake
1 26 University professor, but also as an engaged and
1 27 contributing member of the community, including his
1 28 work as an original board member of Urban Dreams; and
1 29 WHEREAS, in recognition of his work, Dr. Wright was
1 30 the first recipient of the Madelyn M. Levitt
2 1 Distinguished Community Service Award, has received
2 2 the Drake Medal of Service, the Public Service Award
2 3 of the Iowa Corrections Association, and the Special
2 4 Award from the Midwest Sociological Society, and has
2 5 been inducted into the Iowa Volunteer Hall of Fame;
2 6 and
2 7 WHEREAS, Dr. Wright has conducted his life and work
2 8 in partnership with his wife, Susan Wright, and with
2 9 his son and daughter-in-law, Ehren and Michelle
2 10 Stover=Wright, and grandchildren Aiden and Ella; NOW
2 11 THEREFORE,
2 12 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, That the Senate
2 13 honors Professor R. Dean Wright for a lifetime of
2 14 achievement and for his dedication to social justice,
2 15 which have made Iowa a better place for us all.
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